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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. No fees are believed due in connection with this submission. However, in the event any fees are necessitated by this submission the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 1232-4527.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figs. 5-7 as shown in the accompanying sheets.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 19-24 as follows: